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THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM PROCESS
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This document presents options or suggestions for consideration by the Development Team (DT). It accompanies the document "Meeting Agendas for the Development Team

Development Team Membership and Attendance at Meetings

The intent is to have invited members of the DT attend all meetings. Each member can name one alternate who can attend meetings in the member's place and participate in the decision-making process.

Meetings will be open to the public, but the public cannot participate in the meetings until the agenda item for public comment.

Purpose of the Development Team

Option 1: The purpose of the DT will be to develop an Environmental Water Account (EWA) in sufficient detail that the EWA can be implemented for Water Year 1999-2000 and can function at least throughout Stage 1 of the CalFed Program, if not beyond. The DT will also develop ag/urban water supply/demand measures to be implemented in 1999-2000 and the rest of Stage 1 in conjunction with the EWA. The DT can consider issues broader than the EWA and ag/urban water supply measures if resolution of those issues is necessary for reaching agreement on the EWA and ag/urban water supply/demand measures.

Option 2: The purpose of the DT will be to develop recommendations for creating an EWA for 1999-2000 and for Stage 1 of the CalFed Program and to develop ag/urban water supply/demand measures for 1999-2000 and for Stage 1 in conjunction with the EWA. The DT can consider issues broader than the EWA and ag/urban water supply measures if resolution of those issues is necessary for reaching agreement on the EWA and ag/urban water supply/demand measures.

Option 3: The purpose of the DT will be to develop a general approach and important considerations for an EWA for 1999-2000 and Stage 1 of the CalFed Program. The DT will also consider ag/urban water supply/demand measures for 1999-2000 and Stage 1 in conjunction with the EWA. The DT can consider issues broader than the EWA and ag/urban water supply measures if resolution of those issues is necessary for reaching agreement on the EWA and ag/urban water supply/demand measures.

What Does an Environmental Water Account Consist of?

Physical Assets, that could include the following:

- Storage capacity in groundwater basins, including agreements to use capacity in existing reservoirs
- Storage capacity in surface reservoirs, including agreements to use capacity in existing reservoirs
- Capacity in pumping and conveyance facilities, including agreements to use capacity in existing facilities

Funds, that could be used to pay for the following:

- Physical assets
- Water purchases, including options to purchase
- Indirect purchases, such as payment for increased efficiency or wastewater reuse
- Other measures for environmental improvement.

Operating Requirements, including the following:

- Baseline prescriptive requirements on which the account will operate.
- Flexible, real time requirements that could be relaxed or applied based on real time environmental conditions

A Process for Governing and Making Decisions about the EWA

A Process for Coordinating/Integrating the EWA with Other Programs (ESA, CVPIA, Trinity, ERP, etc.)

In addition, the DT will consider **Water Supply and Water Quality Measures**: Along with environmental protection, water supply and water quality will be important considerations in developing an Environmental Water Account. Therefore, in conjunction with development of an EWA, the DT will consider measures or facilities to increase water supply for agricultural and urban use and will consider measures to address water quality problems.

The Plan for the Development Team's Work

The DT will adopt and, as necessary over time, modify a plan for developing an Environmental Water Account and ag/urban water supply measures. This plan will consist of tasks, organization for accomplishing those tasks, and a schedule.

The Development Team Decision-Making Process

Option 1

The intent is to make decisions by unanimous consent. If this is not possible, decisions will be made when a significant number of members of the DT conclude that, considering the technical, financial, legal, and political realities, the action they support has a high probability of contributing to the success of an Environmental Water Account and accompanying water supply and water quality measures. Those opposing the action would have the option of attempting to show that the action did not such a have a high probability and that other options provided as high or higher probability. The position of those opposing the action would be included as a minority position.

Option 2

The intent is to make decisions by unanimous consent. If this is not possible, decisions will be made by a super majority of 60% of the members of the DT. The position of those opposing the action would be included as a minority position.

Option 3

The intent is to make decisions by unanimous consent. If this is not possible, decisions will be made by a majority of the members of the DT. The position of those opposing the action would be included as a minority position.

Conditional Agreement

All agreements or decisions made by the DT will be conditioned on ultimate agreement on all relevant issues. For example, the DT could reach tentative agreement on the account's assets and financing without necessarily agreeing, until later, on the broader issue of assurances of environmental or water supply benefits. If agreement could not be reached on assurances, then members would not be bound to their previous agreement on assets and financing.

Conduct of Meetings (Must coordinate this with FACA requirements)

Each meeting will have an agenda.

Items for each meeting's agenda will be chosen in accordance with the plan adopted by the DT.

Each meeting will have an agenda item for public comment.

At each meeting, a preliminary agenda for the next meeting will be developed.

The chairmen can revise the agenda and will distribute a revised agenda the day before each meeting.

At the beginning of each meeting the DT can revise the agenda.

During meetings, members of the DT will speak in the order recognized by the Chairmen.

However, if any member makes a proposal or recommendation, the chair will decide whether the proposal or recommendation will be considered immediately or at a later time. If the proposal or recommendation is to be considered immediately, the order of speaking will be suspended, and that proposal or recommendation will be discussed until resolved.